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While the threat of terrorism is real and needs real measures to deal with it, profile-driven searches with the information gleaned being recorded must surely constitute a violation of the Constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure.

The fact that such constitutional protections against high-handed illegalities being perpetrated upon the citizens and legal residents by agents and employees of the various governmental bodies have been already severely eroded indicates it is quite likely that such rules will be allowed to be implemented. That does NOT make it right.

George Orwell's dark fantasy, 1984, did not come true by 1984, but proposals such as this are bringing it closer to fruition. The greatest danger to the law abiding populace of the US of A are the overzealous and rogue elements of the various enforcement bureaucracies: DEA and IRS being perhaps the worst, but far from the only. Now the FAA seems be hell-bent upon joining that cadre.

I think I personally would rather take my chances with a nut-case's or terrorist's bomb than with the certainties of misuse and abuse of the FAA's proposed profile driven searches of airline passengers.

I believe it was Benjamin Franklin who said that those who traded their freedom for security would gain neither (nor deserved either, it always seemed to me was implied).

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